

**Talking Points**  
**West Lake Landfill Telecon**  
**October 23, 2015**

**Key Messages:**

- There is no imminent public health risk.
- SSE is not rapidly moving toward the RIM.
- We remain focused on protecting public health by completing the investigations required to support a remedy decision, to select a remedy and to implement that remedy as quickly as possible.

**Talking Points:**

- Committed to staying in contact with you.
- Main messages:
  - reassure public that conditions at the site based on the long body of evidence doesn't indicate any change in conditions at the site
  - No offsite migration or movement of the sse toward rim
- Protecting the community residents from releases of hazardous substances buried at the West Lake Landfill is our highest priority.
- In addition to the numerous studies we've conducted we continue to work in partnership with top experts from the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- We asked the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to conduct an independent Health Consultation of all known potential health risks posed by the radiological material buried at the site.
- The report they just released confirms that groundwater, air, and soil data do not indicate a health risk to communities surrounding the West Lake Landfill.
- The St. Louis County contingency plan developed last year that we supported is what good emergency response organizations do and we're glad to continue to work with your team.
- To date, reviews of the data have not indicated advancement of the subsurface smoldering event beyond the neck area of the adjacent Bridgeton Landfill.
- EPA will continue to support the state of Missouri in its efforts to make certain that Republic Services manages the smoldering event at the Bridgeton Landfill so it cannot impact the radiological material at the adjacent West Lake Landfill.

- In the near future, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA will announce plans to prevent the subsurface smoldering event occurring in Bridgeton Landfill from coming into contact with the radiologically impacted material at the West Lake Landfill.
- Next year, all the necessary investigative work will be completed and we will announce our proposal for a final remedy. That proposal will be available for public review and comment. The final remedy will be designed to ensure that human health and the environment remain protected from radiological contaminants. I know the community wants a solution that addresses the contamination as quickly as possible at the West Lake Landfill. I am committed to delivering a scientifically sound solution.
- Recap:
  - Conditions at site have not changed
  - No imminent threat
  - We'll continue to get that message out to folks.